

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, APRIL 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Singh-Allen at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Education Center.

Members Present: Bobbie Singh-Allen, President; Carmine Forcina, Clerk; Beth Albiani, Nancy Chaires Espinoza, Chet Madison, Dr. Crystal Martinez-Alire, and Anthony “Tony” Perez

Others Present: Christopher Hoffman, Superintendent; and Mark Cerutti, Donna Cherry, Rich Fagan, Brandon Krueger, Robert Pierce, and Tina Penna, associate superintendents. The list of visitors who signed in is on file.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Jennifer Ballerini, AFSCME President, led the Pledge.

IV. LCAP

Local Control Accountability Plan – Discussion/Planning Session

Budget Update

Mr. Fagan submitted and reviewed the General Fund Unrestricted Budget which includes Surplus/(Deficit) balances of (\$8,467,105 for 2014-15, \$15,778,172 for 2015-16, and \$4,590,997 for 2016-17; ending fund balances of \$25,812,825 for 2014-15, \$41,590,997 for 2015-16, and \$45,798,701 for 2016-17; Contingency Mandated 2% Reserves are \$12,101,825 for 2014-15, \$12,301,055 for 2015-16, and \$12,501,056 for 2016-17. Reserves for Funding Priorities are \$13,711,770 for 2014-15, \$29,289,942 for 2015-16, and \$33,297,646 for 2016-17. The Undesignated funds are, therefore, zero for each of the years. Also submitted was a list of the assumptions used for developing the budgets. Note: the budget information for 2014-15 is as of the 2nd Interim, for 2015-16 the January Governor’s Budget, and for 2016-17, the New LCFF GAP.

Mr. Fagan reported that the updated Multi-Year Budget Projections include what is available to spend after approval of the agreement with EGEA and inclusion of similar amounts set aside for other bargaining units. He noted that the cost of health care is extended 3% for one-half year and the cost will, in the future, be on a calendar year basis; this year, the District is still deficit spending and when looking at the proposed priorities the goal is to avoid deficit spending in future years. He also noted anticipated additional funding can be considered for identified priorities after the funding is known.

Review of Emerging Common Interests/Priorities

Mr. Cerutti reviewed the process for developing the Emerging Common Interests/Priorities and the alignment of the 8 State Priorities, the District’s Strategic Goals and the LCAP Objectives.

Negotiations Updates

Dr. Krueger reviewed the status of negotiations with each the bargaining units and EGTEAMS.

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Superintendent's Cabinet Program/Services Recommendations

Submitted and reviewed were the Proposed Funding Priorities including the proposed ongoing, proposed one-time, and total costs of each item. Also submitted were lists of Previously Approved Board Priorities and Additional Tier 1 Priorities Requested by Divisions. It was noted that the proposed priorities and additional tier priorities requested by division are not included in the General Fund Unrestricted Budgets.

During the discussion, the following items of interest were submitted by Board members:

- Site supply allocations
- Associate superintendent allocation of additional funds
- Allocation of funds for establishing a District grant program to support innovation.
- Enhancement of funds for GATE, SARB, Teen Parenting, Indian Education programs.
- Funding for teacher stipends at the elementary school level.
- Site allocations for parent/family engagement – set up a pilot program.
- Grounds upkeep.
- Enhancement of after-school programs.
- Ethnic studies
- Parent education programs
- Allocations for special programs – English Language for special education students and parents.
- Provide opportunities for culturally responsible curriculum and ethnic training
- Additional support for athletics, especially at the middle schools
- Focus on looking at suspension and attendance rates for underserved students
- Provision of funds to maintain programs when grant support ends.
- Courses for coding, GIS
- Common Core training for teachers
- Projected purchases of textbooks
- Recruitment program
- Deferred maintenance funding

Mr. Hoffman stated the Board's input has been helpful and the priorities will be addressed at the April 21 Board meeting.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Mary Deutsch, CSEA President, stated the interests identified have all been justified; however, the needs of CSEA are not reflected.

XVII. Adjournment – 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by:
Christopher R. Hoffman., Superintendent

Approve by: _____
Carmine Forcina, Clerk